

The Examiner noted that a timely filed disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.31(b) would overcome an actual or provisional rejection on a non-statutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this Application.

The Applicant is the inventor of both this United States Patent Application and United States Patent of United States Patent 5,704,371 issued on January 6, 1998. Neither this United States Patent Application nor the United States Patent 5,704,371 issued on January 6, 1998 has been assigned.

Accordingly, Applicant is filing concurrently herewith a TERMINAL DISCLAIMER TO OBFVATE A DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION OVER A PRIOR PATENT which the undersigned as Attorney of Record, together with the Statutory Disclaimer Fee for a Small Entity of \$55.00.

#### Summary

Since the rejection of Claims 1 through 33 have been overcome by the filing of a Terminal Disclaimer, the Examiner's reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-33 is respectfully requested. For these reasons, this Application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to issue a Notice of Allowability and a formal NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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